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Sub: Estab of D/Recon in CIA

D/Recon/CIA [redacted]

1. On Thurs evening Dr. Wheelon provided a proposed draft copy of a ltr from Helms to Flax which advised Flax of the reorg within CIA which estab. the O S P to carry out CIA's satellite responsibilities and, at the same time, dismissed the concept of a Program B Director; in its place set up D/ir of CIA Recon. [redacted] acting on interim basis.

2. Proposed ltr provided OSP after JNMCM complained to Jack Blake that the ltr was with OSA for coord but not OSP.

3. Fri. afternoon JNMCM and JJC met with ADW and Blake to discuss other ~~xx~~ matters and it was learned incidentally that a letter had already been signed by Helms. Upon hearing OSP Dir and Dep Dir's objections and fears re new org set up; Wheelon agreed to change the letter, deleting terms "management" and "fiscal control" although the idea of a D/Recon according to ADW was to form a [redacted] buffer behind which CIA could operate. He also said OSP cld have an opportunity to contribute to the internal directive on how the new org wld function.

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4. D/SP and DD/SP met with [redacted] on 4 Oct to discuss his intended methodology in managing CIA's NRP activities. [redacted] hastened to assure them they had nothing to fear, he did not intend to get into their day to day relationship with NRO; he wld look to them to keep him advised of things they felt he shld be aware of. He would concern himself primarily with backing up the Director in his EXCOM responsibilities and wld also provide a focal point for consolidating the CIA/NRO Budget. He did not intend to have a staff but wld rely on OSP and OSA to prepare papers for him. He did not see any great change from present MO and D/SP cld continue to talk to Flax, Reber and other NRO members as needed.

5./6. Crowley briefed [redacted] on programs:

He also went to some lengths to describe the logic and rationale which OSP employed in building its mgmt plans for [redacted] COR. He pointed out the fallacies in the AF contention to split off the sensor from the spacecraft

7. [redacted] was informed of attitude of Stewart and to a degree Flax that NRO shld have command and direct access into all the organizations working under the NRP, that as Martin reports directly to Flax, so shld Crowley report directly to Flax. [redacted] said "absurd".

8. OSP interest was "jointness" and "partnership" rather than "togetherness" under one NRO head. [redacted] emphatically stated that the DCI (Raborn), would not agree to any proposal in the EXCOM without first bringing it home for [redacted] and [redacted] comments.